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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Serbian militia and paramilitary units, taking advantage of their seizure of heavy weapons from UNPROFOR's storage facilities in the UNPA's North and South, are conducting continuous bombardment of the Maslenica crossing and the adjacent area - thus acting in flagrant violation of the provisions of operative paragraphs 8 and 9 of Security Council resolution 802 (1993).

It was the intention, and it remains the wish, of the Government of the Republic of Croatia to pursue towards the normalization of life and the creation of peaceful conditions throughout the territory of Croatia. That is the reason why the Croatian authorities on a local level are organizing the ferry-boat connection servicing civilian traffic through the Strait of Maslenica, and are attempting to prepare for the construction of a pontoon bridge connecting the two shores. Their efforts are being disrupted by the continuous shelling from the Serbian side.

Furthermore, the Serbian insurgents are once again initiating bombardments of cities, townships and villages along the Adriatic coast. Areas of Zadar (Bibinje, Paljuv, Zemunik, Policnik, Prkos, Ralovac, Galovac, Skabrnja, Gorica, Rastane, Biograd na moru, Turanj, Filip-Jakov, Vrana, Novigrad, Jasenice, Maslenica) and Sibenik (Vodice, Bicine, Radisici, Dubravice, Velika Glava, Meterize) have been under constant alert due to mortar and artillery attack for the past four days. Zadar and its surroundings have a severe shortage of water and electrical supplies.

In this very sensitive moment, when the Croatian Government under the auspices of the Co-Chairmen on the Conference of the Former Yugoslavia is putting all efforts into negotiations with the representatives of the Serbian population on the UNPAs aimed towards full implementation of Security Council resolution 802 (1993), the other party is proving that its intentions are contrary to the spirit and the letter of the said resolution. The purpose of the perpetrator is to instigate the renewal of the hostilities, and to bring the country in the state of full-fledged war. The paramilitary units of the

Serb insurgents have been replenished with the "volunteers" from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), which continues the aggression on the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

We urge the Security Council to take action in preventing these incidents - that are contrary to its decisions - to continue unabated.

I would ask for your kind assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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